

*in 5 volumes - beautiful Edinburgh edition  
lovely! - I should send it but fear  
something will happen to it -  
Hope Wendell will have a good  
time*  
**MASSACHUSETTS ANTI-SLAVERY FAIR.** *Write by  
with love*

The Anti-Slavery women of Boston would again, by their Committee, call the attention of their friends in Massachusetts, and throughout the country, to the increased prospect of aiding the cause, by means of the MASSACHUSETTS ANTI-SLAVERY FAIR, already notified to be held at Boston during Christmas week, 1841. The receipts of the sale of last year, far exceeding those of any previous year, afford ample testimony to the faithfulness with which the women of Massachusetts have discharged, amid much 'evil report,' the responsibilities they had assumed, and encourage us AGAIN to summon them to unite with us for a still more strenuous effort in the slave's behalf.

An appreciable impression has been made upon this community. Many among us, who have hitherto regarded the subject of human freedom with indifference, will venture to do so no longer. We trust that happier influences than we have yet known, may lighten our coming labors. We ask for reinforcements, that we may be better enabled to continue our conflict with slavery, as well as to defend the territory we have gained from it.

Strengthened by much profitable experience, by increased knowledge and resources, we hope to make, this year, a more valuable contribution than ever before, to the Treasury of the State Society. It would be unnecessary to state here the objects of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society, or to enter into any detail respecting its operations. With these, our friends are familiar. But as our appeal may reach individuals not so informed, we would say to such, that, having deliberately and earnestly bound ourselves to the anti-slavery cause, we, as much as any others should be indisposed to spend our strength for nought; and we have carefully sought for the best mode of advancing its interests. A long and intimate acquaintance with the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society, a knowledge of the strength of principle, integrity of character, efficiency, zeal and disinterestedness of its members, has assured us that in co-operating with them, we shall most effectually promote our object. The anti-slavery feeling in Boston is steadily increasing; *how long* a time may elapse before the cause so dear to ourselves shall be honored and advocated of *all*, we may not predict. We can only repeat our assurances to all, who have resolved with us 'to labor and to wait' for the day of the slave's redemption, that we will spare no exertions which may promote the success of our common enterprise.

We entreat our friends to encourage us by their presence at the time of the sale as well as by their do-

nations. Arrangements will be made for the accommodation of all who come up to our help, and no endeavors omitted to make the occasion one of enjoyment and festivity, as well as of toil and responsibility.

So well is the Fair now understood, that a particular description of articles that might be profitably provided is unnecessary. Information will be furnished upon application to any member of our Committee.

We ask anti-slavery societies to take early action with respect to the Fair, and communicate their determination to us. In towns where no society exists, or where having a name to live they are dead, let individuals, who remain true to the cause, unite their efforts in this behalf. Permit us to say here, to any who, in view of our protracted struggle and unanticipated perplexities, may be preparing to abandon the cause—'The numbers of the enslaved, their sufferings and despair, the crime and danger of the slaveholder, the guilt of his northern confederate, are no less than when they first awoke your conscience, and enlisted your sympathy. Remember the declaration of our Saviour, 'No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.'

In many places, one laborer bears alone the heat and burden of the day. To such we would say, be resolute and self-sustained. You do but *seem* to be alone. Within your call are true and faithful hearts.

—'hearts glowing with a flame,  
Kindled like yours for purposes the same,  
To cheer the watch, to daunt a common foe.'

Help shall arise by your side soon, and at the eleventh hour the ranks will be full.

We shall address to you, from time to time, during the year, such information respecting our plans and arrangements, as may facilitate yours. Meanwhile, asking earnestly for your correspondence, co-operation and advice, we are affectionately your friends and co-laborers for the slave;

Maria W. Chapman,  
Mary A. W. Johnson,  
Thankful Southwick,  
Louisa Loring,  
Eliza F. Meriam,  
Ann T. G. Phillips,  
Mary Young,  
Caroline Weston,  
Abby Southwick,  
Lavinia Hilton,  
Mary F. Rogers,  
Emily A. Winslow,  
Hannah Tufts,  
Catharine Sargent,

Lydia Maria Child,  
Mary G. Chapman,  
Eliza Lee Follen,  
Henrietta Sargent,  
Susan Paul,  
Eliza Philbrick,  
Anne Warren Weston,  
Helen E. Garrison,  
Louisa Sewall,  
Cecilia Howard,  
Caroline F. Williams,  
Hannah S. Adams,  
Mary Willey.



Boston Saturday Morning

Dear Deborah

I have but a moment to  
write for a hour day lies before me. & I  
see that church & Anne have both written & have  
I dare say left me little enough to say -  
What I might have had to say - I know  
not - but day before yesterday - Harvey  
& Warren went to Weymouth. & they  
brought up a letter for you from Anne  
& Warren had a letter from Anne to me  
in his hat - Sam had was knocked off his  
head in a scuffle he had with his horse before  
starting - & when he got into the chaise the  
coach set off on the run in such a way  
as to preclude his getting the letter -  
So unless the carrier finds it up in the course  
of the day I shall not be able to execute  
any of <sup>his</sup> wishes -

I have your letter - & try to  
show you his as regards intelligence -  
Warren had two long letters from Uncle  
Bates for Stephen - very kind - containing  
a great deal of good advice - & enlarging some-  
what upon the matter of saying & Rustin  
business - Still I think it slightly doubt-  
ful whether W. makes a voyage this Spring  
or not - if money must be lost by such  
one would not like to be instrumental  
therein - you know - Mr B - says W  
went to West himself on board a tug  
ship - so you see he is worth more than  
he was last year - - he also sent  
some papers to Weymouth for signature



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reaffirming - his possession of our premises  
feeling that his claim would become outlawed  
- & a permission for Joshua & Francis to  
occupy his land on the Back River as long  
as he pleased - & a wish was expressed in  
his letter to Mr Gray - his lawyer - that  
the Back River farm might not be sep-  
arated but that possession of it might  
be assumed by Joshua & Francis as long  
as the owners pleased - He did not think  
to ask or to carry one else - but she means  
to write to him - for next week - & state  
the exact position of things & her willingness  
to do all in reason to meet his views -  
- H & Ch. Henry by the ladies about a  
home - I shall go for a house in town  
I think Henry very sick - but you need not  
mention my impression - I think the dis-  
ease is making progress - & I am only the  
more anxious that they should be in their  
own house - Mr Grant is going to let  
his house & furniture - just as it is & go with  
his whole family to Cohasset - they mean to  
go on Monday - & what Lizzy & I am to do  
I know not - I shall get a house in  
place as soon as possible - but my  
present impression is that I shall stay  
but a short time longer in Roxbury - I  
think the signs are full - & tho' my throat  
is very sore - yet it is less productive just  
now than it ever has been - I have thought  
of Cambridge what do you think I must  
make money - just now -

It is my intention to go to the annual



meeting if Henry continues as well &  
my constituents - pay me - I am  
desirous to leave R. - but I do with a  
full school - I think I am deserving of  
great credit for having maintained a  
profitable school there for four years -  
& have no acquaintance in the place  
& a great & intense dislike of me to make  
head against - I have only once in the  
four years been to church there - & have  
taken my vacations when I liked & my  
hours of teaching when I liked - & truly  
this time I went with Mr Putnam's who  
desire to back & support him & abuse me  
has been running against me since Thomas  
& more recently I Mrs Stocker & Misses Willy  
with Mr Mark Antony's Episcopalians to back  
them - And Mrs Maguire with their pupils  
from Boston & their great Reputation - besides  
Mrs Hamett - Miss Lelane - & my old friend  
Miss Williams who each keep schools for young  
pupils - deservedly popular - Elizabeth  
Chandler - is just going to try her luck  
by opening a school in the same parish  
I have been - don't you think I have  
done well? - I am tired however  
of beating up - & long for a little of the  
wind that once filled my sails - not that  
I care for flattery but there is much solid  
profit in it - I got when I was in  
Ireland - when I had a very pleasant  
visit - the chancellery of the Scottish Borne

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